



CALIFORNIA AUDUBON CONVENTION

The fourth State Convention of the National Audubon Society and its California branches and affiliates was held at Asilomar April 1 - 4 1950. The hosts were: Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society and Monterey Peninsula College.

This location on the Monterey Peninsula, with buildings set among Monterey pines, with the constantly rolling rhythm of the ocean, with the perfect full moon,—forging the thought that little man is only a small part of the whole, and that he should take some responsibility in preserving that is so prodigally set before him—this was a perfect setting for the Conservation thought.

Into this setting came many Audubon members from near and far—from San Diego, California to Portland, Oregon. All receptive to broadening their horizons.

Last year's theme: "Conservation Education is Basic to Human Welfare."

This year's theme:—the logical follow-up—"How to Get Things Done."

Many original, resourceful and practical ideas were given by the many groups on the various panels—all endeavoring to answer the questions:

How to acquaint the public with Conservation problems?

How to gain their interest and co-operation?

How to enlarge our membership?

How to educate the Educators to the need of educating the youth of the land in conservation problems?

Dr. Lloyd G. Ingles, Director of the 1950 Audubon Camp of California stated that University credit has been arranged for sessions at the Camp. This is an acknowledgment of its value and carry-over into the classroom. Several school executives attended the convention.

The president of the National, Mr. John H. Baker, presided at the meetings and spoke at the banquet on "The Background, Reason and Need of the Audubon Cause", also showing the film "Birds of the Audubon Sanctuaries." All most interesting and worthwhile.

The National is ever vigilant and active in helping where there is need.

Two pressing needs were presented; one for funds to help purchase the coast at the mouth of the Carmel river; the other, to protest the granting of a tramway permit at the Mt. San Jacinto State Park in the Sierra Madres, Southern California. Surely all attending realized the necessity of watchfulness, education and action to supplement the theme "How to get Things Done", by getting things done. By saving the habitats, we save the birds that frequent them.

The birding high-lights were: a pygmy nuthatch pecking out his nest-hole in an old Monterey pine, 21 black brant floating in and out with the surf among the rocks, black-footed a'batross, glaucous and Sabine gull, and marbled murrelet several miles off shore.

After four interesting days all took their leave, traveling homeward to carry on.

March TILDEN PARK NATURE AREA Trip

On Saturday, March 25th about 30 members and guests met at the top of Spruce St. While waiting for the group to gather a brown Pelican flew over the reservoir; also noted were cedar waxwings and white and golden-crowned sparrows. High-lights of the trip were: many rufous hummers feeding on the eucalyptus blossoms high in the tree, rough-winged swallows, bush-tit's nest, marsh wren, ruby-crowned kinglet, warbling vireo, Audubon and orange-crowned warblers, a female American golden-eye on the lake. Thirty-two species in all.

We visited the Nature Museum which was very interesting and full of other visitors. Many U.C. student groups were exploring and studying this nature area. Mr. Jack Parker, the resident Naturalist, is ever ready to help you.

The weather was sunny and crisp tho a bit damp under foot.

— ALISON BERRY, *Historian*

BIRDS ARRIVING FOR THE SUMMER in the Bay Area: During February, March, and April; Allen hummer, orange-crowned warbler, western chipping sparrow, western house wren, western warbling vireo, pileolated warbler, western flycatcher, barn and cliff swallow, Tolmie and yellow warbler, black-headed grosbeak, russet-backed thrush, long-tailed chat, lazuli bunting. Most of these will stay into September and the orange-crowned warbler into October.

The above has been compiled from "The Directory to the Birdlife of the San Francisco Bay Region" by Joseph Grinnell and Margaret Wythe, and "The Distribution of Birds of California" by Joseph Grinnell and Alden H. Miller.

This information has just been received and is passed on to you.

Walter W. Bradley, a member since 1938, Director 1943 & 1944, First Vice-President 1945 & 1946. Mr. Bradley was an ardent and enthusiastic observer of birds and at his retreat at El Sobrante his feeding trays and bathing pools were a treat for many resident and visiting species. Those members attending the field trip at his cabin, October 1946, recall with pleasure this fascinating project and his generous hospitality. He gave valuable service to the Society on many important committees. Died April 11, 1950.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS—May 12th lecture on Insects by Robert Usinger, professor of Entomology, University of California. May 25th Richard Walpole District Manager, will discuss matters of importance to the public. B. C. Cain, Boy Scout Executive, will speak of Nature Here opportunities in the East Bay. Both at Oakland Public Museum, Lake Merritt, Oak & 14th Sts. at 8 p.m.

April ALAMEDA SHORE BIRD Trip

On Saturday, April 15, 1950, 35 members and guests renewed what has become an annual trip of the Audubon Group to Alameda Bay Farm Island to observe shore birds. High tide was at 11:24 A.M. Lunch was eaten along the dyke opposite the sand island as suggested by Mrs. Kelly. Here a great concentration of sandpipers was watched. As the tide receded Avocets, Long-bill Dowitchers, Black-bellied Plovers, Willets, Curlews, Forster Terns and Bonaparte Gulls came in increasing numbers. The spring plumage of these birds was particularly striking.

The territories in the vicinity of the old destroyers and the garbage dump were also explored. Of special interest was a pair of Cinnamon Teal in the pool by the garbage dump and several pairs of Common Goldfinchs feeding on the thistles growing on the covered portion of the dump.

The day was warm with a slight breeze coming off the bay.

The following 52 species were observed as compared with 38 on April 8, 1949:

Loon, Red-throated	Curlew, Long-billed	Tern, Forster
Cormorant, Farallon	Hudsonian	Caspian
Heron, Great Blue	Willet	Hummingbird, Anna
Duck, Mallard	Yellow-legs, Greater	Swallow, Tree
Baldpate	Knot	Barn
Pintail	Sandpiper, Least	Robin
Teal, Cinnamon	Red-backed	Pipit, American
Canvas-back	Dowitcher, Long-bill	Sparrow, English
Lesser Seaup	Sandpiper, Western	Meadowlark, Western
Merganser, Red-breasted	Godwit, Marbled	Blackbird, Red-wing
Hawk, Sparrow	Sanderling	Brewer
Rail, Cal. Clapper	Avocet	Finch, Cal. Purple
Coot	Phalarope, Northern	House
Plover, Snowy	Gull, Glaucous-winged	Goldfinch, Common
Semi-palmated	Western	Sparrow, Savannah
Killdeer	Herring	Song
Black-bellied	California	
	Ring-billed	
	Bonaparte	

— HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Leader and Historian*.

OBSERVATIONS edited by Mrs. Junea W. Kelly; western flycatcher March 5, Larkspur, Mary L. Courtright;

Cliff swallows, Bancroft and Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; black-head grosbeak, Cordonices Park, Berkeley, April 10, Vee Curtis.

Chipping sparrow, April 11, Ross, Junea W. Kelly.

May Meeting

The 392nd meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on May 11th at the Oakland Public Museum, Lake Merritt, Oak and 14th Streets, at 7:30 p.m.

Dave and Mildred Stearns will show their colored motion picture, "Along Western Game Trails." This will include a section taken in the little-visited Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge. Guests are welcome. No-host dinner at Zerikotes, Lake Merritt at 6 p.m.

— HARRY C. ADAMSON,
Program Chairman.

May Field Trip

On Sunday, May 14, to St. Mary's College, Moraga. Transportation by private cars. Those coming from San Francisco take 7:40 "E" train to end of the line at the Claremont Hotel. Meet here at 8:15. Drive through Broadway Tunnel to Orinda Crossroads, then right to Moraga, then left to the College. Leader, C. L. Carson, OL. 2-2585. Bring lunch, binoculars and interested friends.

May Saturday Field Trip

On Saturday, May 27, to Mt. Diablo. From San Francisco take 7:52 "E" train to end of the line at the Hotel Claremont. Meet here at 8:30 and proceed in private cars via Walnut Creek and Danville. Assemble at the West Entrance to the State Park at 9:30. Birding first in the Rock City area, from whence a group will go down Cook Canyon to look for Bell sparrows. Leader Larry Curl, AS. 3-10165. Bring binoculars, lunch and interested friends.

Special May Field Trip

Sunday, May 7, to Napa County, via the Silverado Trail, to Conn Lake, Pope Valley, Putah Creek, and Lombardi's. On this trip two years ago the wood duck, red-bellied hawk, black-throated gray and tolmie warblers, and hooded oriole were among the 77 species noted. Transportation by private car. Meet at University and San Pablo Avenues in Berkeley at 7:00 a.m. Leader, Kenneth Schu'z, KE. 2-5552. Bring lunch, binoculars and interested friends

— A. LAURENCE CURL, *Chairman,*
Field Trips Committee.

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Monthly meetings second Thursday, 7:30 p. m.
